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- Section K-5 of the Kreispoliseiant of Landbreis (rural district) Cottbus, Land Brandenburg, keeps under surveillance all party functionaries (including the SED), all members of the police force, and all persons whose activities warrant investigation. A mere verbal demunciation is usually deemed sufficient grounds to initiate an investigation.
- 2. Besides executing its broad surveillance functions, K-5 carries out special assignments, like the investigation of Berlin residents whose personal credentials bear the B stamp, thereby indicating that they live in one of the western sectors. Persons suspected of reading the western press are likewise investigated by K-5.
- 3. Upon receipt of a verbal or written demunciation (the latter does not have to be rigned), a number of K-5 is sent out to interview the denouncing party in order to get a more detailed account of the original statement.*

 The next step is to take the suspect to K-5 headquarters. No prior summons is issued in cases where it can be assumed that the persons will make an attempt to escape. Owners of real estate as a rule are summoned.
- 4. The investigation technique of K-5 consists in forcing the suspect to disprove all accusations. If satisfactory counter-proof is not forthcoming, police detention enduring as long as five weeks may be ordered.

During the detention, K-5 endeavors to gather compromising political material, or to obtain evidence supporting criminal charges. Any piece of evidence indicative of deviationist views will result in the suspect's being turned over to the LVD. Once the LVD takes custody, even K-5 loses track of the person.

- 5. If K-5 fails to unearth compromising evidence, or if the suspect succeeds in refuting the charges, release will be ordered. "Experiences" garnered while under police detention usually induce the person to quit the Eastern Zone.**
- 6. In the investigation of all crimes (in contradistinction to misdemeanors), K-5 is to be kept advised. K-5 works in close cooperation with the Landeskriminalemt (criminal police headquarters of the state) and with the "operative Gruppe" (NVD). As regards the latter, the chief of K-5 is

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required to turn in a daily report on all significant occurrences.

7. Each Kreispolizeiant has on its staff a P/K man (Politkultur representative). He has access to all files including those of K-5. For the most part the P/K new received their political training in the USSR. In circles of the German police they are referred to as "Stalin Polizei". They are as feared as the members of the Gestapo use to be.

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The general practice is to obtain additional statements, whether they are true or not, as long as they fulfill the purpose of making the original denunciation sufficiently damning.

**Cone of the alleged purposes of K-5's investigative procedures is to rid the district of undesirables.

